NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina, **IT IS ORDERED**:

Section 1. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §§166A-6 and 14-288.15, a State of Disaster and State of Emergency is hereby declared for Jones County and Duplin County.

Section 2. State and local government entities and agencies are hereby ordered to cooperate in the implementation of the provisions of this proclamation and the provisions of the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan.

Section 3. Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety and/or his designee, is hereby delegated all power and authority granted to me and required of me by Chapter 166A and Article 36A of Chapter 14 of the General Statutes for the purpose of implementing the said Emergency Operations Plan and to take such further action as is necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the populace in the above-referenced counties.

Section 4. Further, Bryan E. Beatty, Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, as chief coordinating officer of the State of North Carolina, shall exercise the powers prescribed in N.C.G.S. §143B-476.

Section 5. I authorize this proclamation: (a) to be distributed to the news media and other organizations calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public; (b) unless the circumstances of the state of disaster and state of emergency prevent or impede, to be promptly filed with the Secretary of Crime Control and Public Safety, the Secretary of State, and the clerks of superior court in the counties to which it applies; and (c) to be distributed to others as necessary to assure proper implementation of this proclamation.

Section 6. The Type I disaster declaration shall expire 30 days after the issuance of the state of disaster and state of emergency and Type I disaster proclamation for Jones County and Duplin County, issued on October 10, 2006, unless renewed by the Governor or the General